



The Lilies

Bonchurch Shute | Bonchurch | Isle of Wight | PO38 1NU

FINE & COUNTRY

Seller Insight



The Lilies has been our home for almost 20 years and it has been a wonderful haven for our family and friends to share with us over this time.

Visiting the Lilies you are immediately struck by the character, charm and beauty of the house and garden. But it is only when you spend time here, can you truly appreciate the serenity of the house, and the tranquility and seclusion of the wonderful garden as it transitions in so much colour through the seasons.

Our visitors always comment on the calmness and warmth which surrounds them upon entering the house. We know what they mean, we feel it too.

*Additionally, without exception, everyone is surprised about how well they slept and we wonder if that's why they keep coming back!"**

* These comments are the personal views of the current owner and are included as an insight into life at the property. They have not been independently verified, should not be relied on without verification and do not necessarily reflect the views of the agent.





Step inside

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This stunning Victorian villa is situated in the coastal village of Bonchurch, a location renowned for its picturesque beauty and charming atmosphere. The village gained popularity during the Victorian era, when its favourable microclimate and dramatic southerly coastline attracted many fine houses and villas, with notable figures such as Charles Dickens and Algernon Swinburne frequenting the area. Bonchurch retains its village character, with a local pub, an 11th-century church, and access to scenic footpaths that lead to the beautiful Monks Bay and nearby coastal walks. The adjacent town of Ventnor offers a range of amenities, including beachfront bars, restaurants, a fish market, and the famous Botanic Gardens.

This elegant home is believed to have been built around 1850 and offers a spacious and elegant stone residence set across three floors, designed to maximise the spectacular southerly views over the surrounding gardens and the English Channel. The property is situated in a secluded and elevated position, ensuring both privacy and panoramic vistas. The villa retains many original period features, exuding timeless charm, and provides excellent living spaces with an abundance of natural light.

Upon arrival, a carved stone arch with a stained-glass panel above leads to the front door, which opens into a welcoming entrance hall featuring the original staircase, complete with an oak newel post and handrail. The dining room is a beautiful reception area, with windows across the southern elevation offering breathtaking views of the garden and the sea. The room is characterised by wooden flooring, built-in bench seating, extensive glass-fronted cupboards, and direct access to the garden.

The sitting room also faces south, with French doors opening to the garden and offering magnificent sea views. The room features original window shutters and a gas fire set in a wooden surround. The drawing room is an impressive space with high ceilings, generous proportions, and splendid views over the garden and the sea. French doors open to the garden, and an open

fireplace with a marble surround adds to the room's character.

The kitchen is fitted with a comprehensive range of base and wall cupboards with granite work surfaces, and includes integral appliances such as an oven, hob, fridge-freezer, and dishwasher. Additionally, there is a breakfast room with pine-fronted units, space for both a range cooker and an American-style fridge-freezer, and French doors leading to the garden. Completing the ground floor is a large rear lobby, garden room and gym or home office dependent on your requirements. On the first floor, the principal bedroom enjoys spectacular southerly views and includes a feature fireplace and built-in wardrobes. This room is complemented by an en-suite bathroom with a bath, shower enclosure, wash basin, WC, bidet, and heated towel rail. There are four more spacious bedrooms on this level, two with en-suite bathrooms and two that share a shower room, all with unique features such as bay windows and sea views.

The second floor offers further accommodation, including a study with panoramic southerly sea views, and two additional bedrooms, one with a walk-in dressing room and sloping wooden-clad ceilings.

The property is approached via a pair of wrought-iron gates mounted on stone pillars, leading to a gravelled driveway that provides parking for several cars. The south and east-facing gardens are beautifully secluded, with a large lawned area offering delightful views of the sea. The gardens are framed by well-stocked borders and an attractive stone retaining wall to the rear, ensuring both privacy and shelter. There is also a small ornamental pond, a greenhouse, and a timber store.

An exceptional Victorian villa, offering spacious and well-appointed accommodation, stunning gardens, and breathtaking views of the English Channel. Located in one of the Isle of Wight's many, quaint coastal villages, this property offers a rare opportunity to own a piece of local history in an enviable setting.







Travel Information

13.5 miles from Fishbourne to Portsmouth Ferry Terminal
16.2 miles from East Cowes to Southampton Ferry Terminal
20.7 miles from Yarmouth to Lymington Ferry Terminal

Southern Vectis Buses routes provide regular services through the area, connecting you to all the areas of the island. For ticket prices visit www.islandbuses.info

Leisure Clubs & Facilities

Ventnor Tennis Club, Ventnor	0.8 miles
Ventnor Golf Club, Ventnor	2 miles
1Leisure The Heights, Sandown	4.9 miles
Rew Valley Sports Centre, Ventnor	1.9 miles

Healthcare

Doctors Surgeries	
Ventnor Medical Practice, Ventnor	01983 857288
Grove House Surgery, Ventnor	01983 857288
The Bay Medical Centre, Sandown	01983 409292
South Wight Medical Practice, Niton	01983 730257

General Hospitals	
St Mary's Hospital, Parkhurst Road, Newport	12.3 miles 01983 822099

Education

Primary Schools	
St Boniface C of E Primary School, Ventnor	01983 854916
Niton Primary School, Niton	01983 730209
Wroxall Primary School, Wroxall	01983 852290
St Francis Catholic & C of E Primary Academy, Ventnor	01983 857449
Godshell County Primary School, Godshell	01983 840246

Secondary Schools/Colleges:	
Island Free School, Ventnor	01983 857641
Carisbrooke College, Newport	01983 524651
Christ the King Upper College, Newport	01983 53707
Island Innovations V1 Form Campus, Newport	01983 522886
Ryde Private, Queens Road, Ryde	01983 562229
The Bay CE School, Sandown	01983 403284
Isle of Wight College, Newport	01983 526631

Learning Assisted Schools:	
St Catherines School, Ventnor	01983 852722
Medina House, Newport	01983 522917
St Catherines, Grove Road, Ventnor	01983 852722

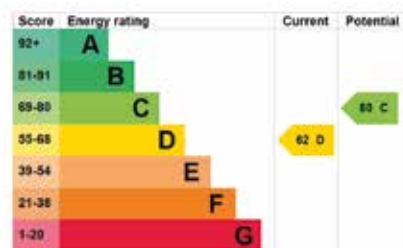
Entertainment

Restaurants / Bars
Bonchurch Inn, Bonchurch
The Village Inn, Shanklin Old Village
The Buddle Inn, Niton
White Lion, Niton
The Hambrough, Ventnor
The Royal Hotel Ventnor
The Crab Shed, Ventnor
The Hillside, Ventnor
The Met, Esplanade, Ventnor
The Spyglass Inn, Esplanade, Ventnor

These bars and restaurants are available within a 15-minute radius of this home.

Local Attractions / Landmarks

Ventnor Botanic Gardens – Ventnor
St Catherine's Lighthouse, Niton
Hoy Monument – Whitwell
St Catherine's Oratory – Blackgang
Alum Bay Theme Park, Totland Bay
National Trust – Ventnor Downs, Ventnor
Appuldurcombe House – Wroxall
Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary, Wroxall
Model Village – Godshell
Shanklin Chine & Old Village - Shanklin
The Wildheart Animal Sanctuary - Sandown
Blackgang Chine – Blackgang
Isle of Wight Pearl Centre - Chale



GROUND FLOOR

Entrance Hallway	
Dining Room	23'4 x 16'1
Sitting Room	17'5 x 13'5
Kitchen	15'9 x 14'9
Drawing Room	31'10 x 13'9
Breakfast Room	15'1 x 14'5
Garden Room	33'2 x 12'6
Cloakroom	
Gym	12'10 x 12'2

FIRST FLOOR

Landing	
Bedroom 1	19'4 x 14'1
En-Suite Shower / Bathroom	
Bedroom 2	17'5 x 13'5
Bedroom 3	16'1 x 13'1
Shower Room	
Dressing Room	
Bedroom 4	15'5 x 14'2
En-Suite Bathroom	
Bedroom 5	16'5 x 13'1
En-Suite Shower Room	
Laundry Room	

SECOND FLOOR

Landing	
Study	13'5 x 11'6
Bedroom 6	22'8 x 13'9
Dressing Room	
Bedroom 7	12'8 x 10'2
Shower Room	

OUTSIDE

Front Garden
Driveway Parking
Rear Garden

Council Tax Band: G
Tenure: Freehold

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